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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

2025-323/5-109

To: Airport Manager, Chicago O'Hare Int'l, (ORD), IL., FAA (AGL-600)

2301356

Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations CSA, AAS-1, AAS-300, ATM ORD Tower, AVP -1, AVP-200, AFS-260, AFS-200, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director  
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ORD Airport Taxiway Lighting

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at [becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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**ACN 2301356****DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202511
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

**PLACE**

Locale	ORD.Airport
State	IL
Altitude - AGL	0

**ENVIRONMENT**

Flight Conditions	VMC
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**AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X**

ATC / Advisory - Ground	ORD
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

**PERSON 1**

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2301356

**PERSON 2**

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Not Flying
ASRS Report Number	2301361

**EVENTS**

Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Taxiway
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Returned To Clearance
Result - Air Traffic Control	Provided Assistance

**NARRATIVE 1**

Taxi instructions were K to T. Night with airport taxiway construction with poor taxiway lighting. Turned onto Taxiway Romeo by mistake. No conflict occurred with other traffic.

**NARRATIVE 2**

Ground 121.75 gave introductions from the gate to Runway 22L via left on U3 and left on Q to follow second Company plane, Aircraft Y. Had ramp congestion and by time got out, Aircraft Y was nowhere in sight. We taxied Q and held short of K waiting for instructions. Then given right turn K, left Tango and then N. Was night and both Captain and myself looking for signage for T and we turned early on R. R was dead end, I called Ground, shared we turned on R and they handed us off to modified Ramp on 129.05, which gave us a 180-degree turn and to hold short of K and contact Ground 121.75. Ground took us back and to Runway 27L/TT, nothing was ever challenged or phone numbers given. Was purely unintentional and we struggled with how poor the signage was.

**SYNOPSIS**

Air carrier flight crew reported that nighttime conditions along with poor signage at ORD led to the flight crew turning onto the wrong taxiway.